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VBT Planners hold hearing, pass Jones' request to board

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

A public hearing on Scott Jones' request to amend the township's future land use map was held by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its regular meeting Oct. 23.

Then, the commission voted unanimously to recommend approval to the VBT board at its next meeting. It also is scheduled to be discussed at a board work/study session.

These are three of the 15 steps set out last June to make way for Jones' rezoning of lakeside property at 41620 E. Huron River Dr., adjacent to Edison Lake Road, so he and his sister and brother-in-law, Tammy and Bill Osier, can build 70 detached condos.

This public hearing on the map change is the eighth step proposed to end with the final rezoning on Jan. 21.

At the public hearing, the first speaker was Michele Montour, 43200 E. Huron River Dr., who said she had concerns about the increase in traffic by 140 cars on the two-lane roadway.

She also said there was no indication of docks being added here, but she was also concerned about increased traffic on the lake.

Vidya Krishna, a planning consultant from McKenna who is filling in as director of planning and economic development until a new director can be hired, said Jones still has to apply for rezoning.

Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson said traffic is part of the site-plan review and it will take several months to get to that.

A letter from Ken Durbal of 41196 Lakeview Court, across the lake from the proposed development, was read into the record of the public hearing by VBT Director of Public Services Director Matthew Best.

Durbal, who had served on the citizens'

committee to put together a lakeside ordinance, said he was against the rezoning that would crowd the lake. He said there were no exceptions for docks and the first developer that came along could avoid rules against docks, if a modification is approved. He said the lakeside zoning was not developed for mass construction of homes.

Jones said there are 27 lots on the water in his plan and he had no plan to apply for docks. He said his idea was to have homes much like the new ones on North Liberty Street in the City of Belleville, but with more room between the homes.

"We will have 10 feet," he said.

Diedre Rivera-Creal of 47251 North Shore Dr., said people are asking to be informed when this development is ready, so they can live there.

"Traffic will be addressed," Creal said, referring to 500 units in Cherry Hill Village that are on a two-lane roadway. "They worked it out.

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Playoffs begin

Belleville High School football to host Saline at noon on Saturday

The Belleville High School football team will host Saline (8-1) this Saturday, Nov. 2 for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Football Pre-District game.

Kickoff will be at noon. Ticket prices are \$6. No free senior admissions or passes will be honored.

Last Friday, the BHS Tigers defeated Plymouth 41-14 to win the Kensington Lakes Athletic Activities Division title. The victory improved the BHS team to 9-0, undefeated for the season.



Present at the Oct. 23 public hearing before the Van Buren Township Planning Commission were, from left, Bill and Tammy Osier and Scott Jones, who are planning a development of 70 detached condominiums on Belleville Lake.

Heller, MacMullan, Petersmark to judge Community Art Show

Barbara Heller of the Detroit Institute of Arts will be the featured judge for the 10th -annual Community Art Show put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts this weekend at the Belleville Yacht Club.

The opening reception for the art show will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1. This is the time to meet the judges and artists. Prize winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

The show is open to the public and free of charge. Public viewing continues from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3.

A People's Choice Award will be announced at the end of the show. All attendees will have a chance to choose the piece of art that they like the most.

Barbara Heller is currently the Director and Conservator of Special Projects and formerly the Chief Conservator at the DIA. She lectures, publishes, and serves on the board of directors and in advisory positions for several professional regional, national, and international organizations.

Sally Mac Mullan, former Hazel Park teacher, will also judge the art show. She has a bachelor of arts in painting from Michigan State University and a master of arts in early childhood education from Wayne State University. McMullan worked as illustrator for the Anchorage, Alaska school system on four different educational TV Series.

Belleville High School art teacher Ryan Petersmark will be the third judge.

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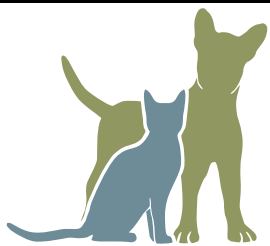
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Tuesday, Nov. 5, is Election Day for school district, City of Belleville

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, in the tri-community for a special election in which voters will decide on a \$35,490,000 bond issue for the Van Buren Public Schools.

The proposal is to borrow the money and issue general obligation unlimited tax bonds to pay off the loan. The project will erect, furnish and equip a new early childhood center on the property recently purchased from St. Anthony Catholic Church, just east of the high school.

The funds also will remodel, furnish and re-furnish and equip and re-equip existing school buildings; acquire and install instruction technology in school buildings; and prepare, develop, improve, and equip playgrounds, athletic fields, and sites.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said the bonds, if approved, will cause a zero rise in taxes because the bonds for the high school construction were refinanced and the taxes were due to go down by .78 mill, anyway. If this proposal passes, the tax will not go down and taxpayers will continue to pay what they have been paying before the refinancing.

This proposal will be on the ballots in the City of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, and certain precincts in Ypsilanti Township and Canton Township. That will be the only item on the ballot for Van Buren, Sumpter, Ypsilanti, and Canton townships.

Voters in the City of Belleville, however, will also elect two city council members and the mayor, for four-year terms, as well vote on a public safety proposal that would levy 2 mills for a period of ten consecutive years.

The public safety proposal is an advisory vote and the city council is expected to make a final decision on the assessment at its Nov. 18 meeting after viewing the results of the election.

For more information on the election, call the clerk's office in each municipality: Belleville Clerk Sherri Scharf, (734) 697-9323; Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright, (734) 699-8909; Sumpter Township Clerk Esther Hurst, (734) 461-6201; Canton Township Clerk Michael Siegrist, (734) 394-5120; or Ypsilanti Township Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe, (734) 484-4700.



Photo courtesy of Alexandria Matheny
Posing for a photo at half-time ceremonies at the Belleville High School Homecoming game on Oct. 11, were members of the families of the BHS Homecoming King and Queen. From left are Madeline, Shelby, Lena, and Michael Wilson, and King Chandler Wilson, along with Queen Audrianne Cunningham, Tiffany Napier, and Melvin Wiley Jr.



Kerreen Conley



Jack Loria



Kelly Bates



Kenneth Voigt

Mayor Kerreen Conley, 53, of 629 Light Tower Dr., is unopposed for reelection to a four-year term as mayor in the Tuesday, Nov. 5, election in the City of Belleville.

Also, three candidates are on the ballot running for two open, four-year seats on the city council.

• Jack Loria, 73, of 118 S. Edgemont St., is seeking re-election to his present council

seat;

• Kenneth Voigt, 63, of 78 W. Wabash St., is a first-time candidate for elective office;

• Kelly Bates of 342 Victorian Ln. also is a first-time candidate for elective office.

Aafrika Broadus Poole, 41, of 235 Main St., has filed as a write-in candidate for council. This is her first attempt at elective office.

Sample Ballot

Belleville ballot only.

Nonpartisan Section	Local School District Proposal
City	VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BONDING PROPOSAL
Mayor Vote for not more than 1	Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Five Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$35,490,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:
Kerreen Conley ☐	erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new early childhood center; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, athletic fields, and sites?
☐	The following is for informational purposes only:
City Council Vote for not more than 2	The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2020 is .78 mill (\$0.78 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mills net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is .87 mill (\$0.87 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).
Kelly Bates ☐	The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$54,495,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0.00. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.
Jack Loria ☐	(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)
Kenneth R. Voigt ☐	
☐	
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Proposal Section	
City Proposal	
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENTS	
Shall the City of Belleville raise money for operations and to purchase equipment for the City Police/Fire Departments by annual special assessment levies of up to 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) on all real property in the City that is not exempt from property taxes, for a period of 10 years, with the levies to be from December 2019 to 2029 to provide funding for the 2020 - 2029 fiscal years? If approved and fully levied in December 2019, the revenue from this special assessment collected in the first year would be approximately \$90,000.00.	
Yes ☐	
No ☐	
	Yes ☐
	No ☐

Be sure to vote Nov. 5

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

'There's no such thing as a small election'

At a recent meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, Clerk Leon Wright said, "There's no such thing as a small election."

He was in the middle of giving a statement on how people should always get out to vote because every election is important. These days in Michigan everyone can vote absentee without a reason.

He pointed out VBT voters would only be voting on one proposal and it was from the Van Buren Public Schools, but that was important. Actually, if passed, that proposal will keep the school tax where it is. If it fails, taxpayers would get a slight decrease in tax.

In Sumpter Township this is the only item on their ballot, as well.

In the City of Belleville there are a mayor and two council members to elect. Plus, voters will weigh in on whether they want to pay 2 mills for 10 years for public safety. That's an advisory vote and the council will make a final decision on the assessment later in November, in time for the December tax roll.

Clerk Wright is correct. There is no such thing as a small election.

Our form of government depends on the citizens staying informed and making important decisions at the polls. If we fail at this, our way of life will crumble.

Be sure to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5 – by standing in line at the polls, or marking your ballot ahead of time in your pajamas.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We've been informed that Friday, Nov. 1, will be Belleville's building clerk (and former city councilwoman) Kim Tindall's last day of employment with the City of Belleville. She is moving to Oregon, near Portland, and plans to be there and settled before Thanksgiving. Her daughter Colette moved out there about a year and a half ago and Kim will be about 30 minutes from her.

Mickey Weidner of VBT got a call on Friday from someone who called him "Fa," which what what his grandchildren call him instead of grandfather. The caller said he got himself in trouble by dropping a cellphone in the car, reaching over to get it, and then hitting a car in front of him.

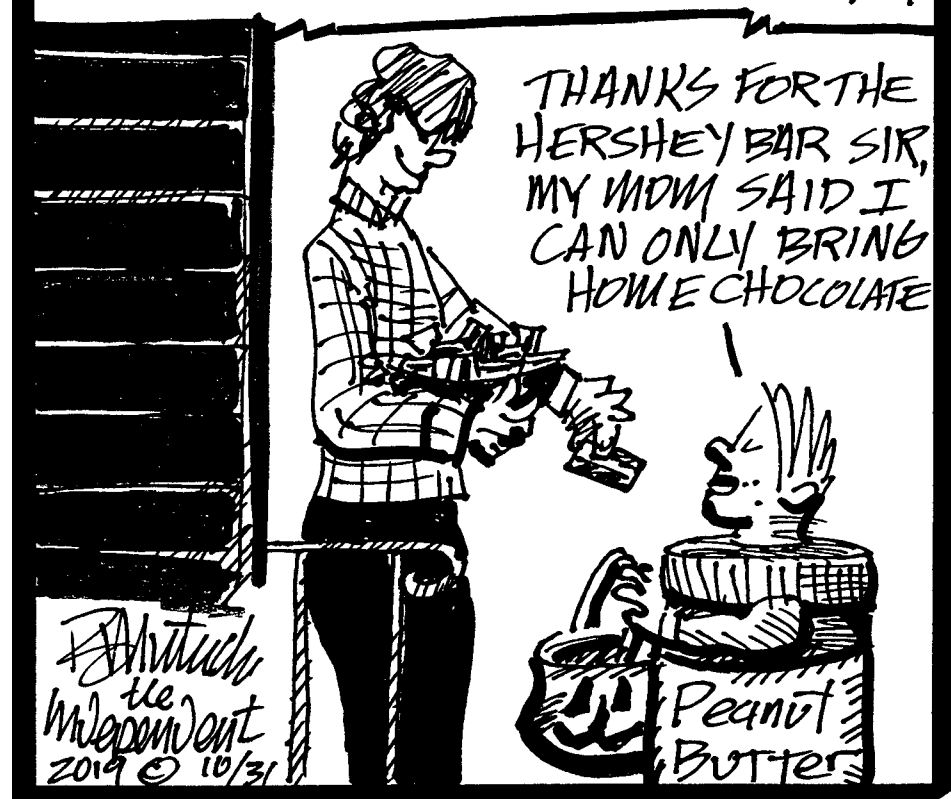
The caller asked Weidner if he knew who it was and Weidner said he sounded like Nicholas, but different. Weidner told the caller that he would call him back and the caller hung up. He called the shop where Nicholas worked and Nicholas was there. No problems. He said he didn't have caller ID so he couldn't call the fake Nicholas back if he wanted to.

Weidner wondered how anyone would know about the "Fa" part. But, he said, even if a grandson got in trouble for shooting a guy, he wouldn't call Weidner. "I'd be the last one he called," Weidner said. He said the caller never got around to saying how much money he wanted.

I told him we had another person report a scam call similar to this.

We've all been sending prayers to Bob Mytych's brother, Paul, who broke his pelvis when he fell six stories from his apartment balcony in Garden City last week. He said he was adjusting his TV antenna. There

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was serious damage to an evergreen tree and some bushes, which broke his fall, but amazingly Paul survived and now is being treated at Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn. There were plans to take him off the ventilator Tuesday.

After Monday's school board meeting a member of the audience went over to the board table to talk to the BHS students who sit on the school board. She complimented Maggie Southers on how strong her voice was in the microphone and asked her to please teach the regular board members and staff how to use their microphones at the board table. Often, board members or staff will turn their heads away from the microphones or just ignore them while speaking and the people in the audience have no clue as to what they are saying.

At the 34th District Court last week, Judge Green dealt with a snippy, very rude woman, who started off the court session by telling the judge she was going to appeal her case. Judge Green told her the time had already passed for appealing her case. In checking the files at 34th District Court I found this woman was regularly being taken to court for not paying her rent at mobile home parks all over the tri-community.

Judge Green told her that this was the day set for discovery and the defendant said she hadn't filed taxes in two years and was just getting back to being employed. The judge asked her to write her full name, birthday,

social security number and swore her in. "If it is not accurate, you're in contempt of court," Judge Green warned.

The attorney for the plaintiff asked who owns the trailer where she lives and she said she owned it.

Judge Green asked her if she could set up a payment plan on her past-due charges and asked her where she worked. The woman replied she works at Beaumont in Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor. The plaintiff's attorney asked her what she does there and she would not reply.

Judge Green said she was adjourning the case for three weeks, until Nov. 13, and she ordered the defendant to show up with a pay stub with all the information on it. Judge Green said the woman was not to transfer any assets and could not transfer her trailer.

"Do you own a car?" Judge Green asked and the defendant said it had 200,000 miles on it. Judge Green ordered her to also bring in the VIN on the car, noting they intend to file a tax garnishment.

"The Friend of the Court already has a tax garnishment against me," the woman answered, and then she flounced out of the courtroom, calling over her shoulder, "Have a blessed day."

Some days a judge's job is really hard.





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 it yourself."

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Letters

Meijer campaign brings \$17,080 for food closet

To the editor:

GREAT NEWS! \$17,080 was donated to the recent Meijer Simply Give Campaign that partnered with the Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church. \$10,000 of that was contributed by Meijer on its DOUBLE MATCH DAYS.

The money raised will fill the bags with food for the hungry in Van Buren and Sumpter Township and the City of Belleville for more than a year.

A BIG thank you goes out to all the individuals, families, churches, schools, and businesses that purchased Simply Give cards. Without the help of everyone, this successful campaign would not be possible.

Thank you!

Minette Brownlee and Marilyn Wood
 Coordinators - Emergency Food Closet
 Belleville First United Methodist Church

Hannan Road collision demolished my car

To the editor:

On Oct. 19 my car got totaled on Hannan Road and the South Service Drive. A car with no insurance and a suspended license demolished my car and I am very fortunate to be alive. I have been told someone recently died here and that several accidents have occurred here.

Please, correct this intersection. One suggestion would be for a four-way stop light and making cars stop from all directions.

In respect to insurance, I just lost a couple thousand dollars in the accident. It is my opinion when they give you the Blue Book value and you try to buy what got demolished, you're on the short end – along with the pain.

A car salesman described the insurance people as con artists that enrich themselves at the expense of the policy holder. When buying a policy, we should all find out exactly how much we will get if the car is demolished.

Lots of people in Michigan are driving without insurance and law-abiding people pay for it. Is it unlawful to spot-check on roads so as to eliminate them, along with no driver's license?

It was costly and I'm lucky to be alive.

Daniel Salsbury
 Van Buren Township
 78-year-old Vietnam veteran trying to live on Social Security

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Thank you for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5

To the editor:

As one of your candidates for the Belleville City Council, I wanted to write to our Belleville community today. I am so excited for this chance to continue my service to the city, community and residents with your vote.

I have been honored to serve as an active member of my community since moving to Belleville over five years ago. I currently have served for the past three years as a Planning Commissioner. Also, since moving here I have attended the majority of the City Council meetings as well as the DDA meetings. I was also a committee member and past President of the Victoria Commons HOA. As a frequent attendee of city meetings, I am well aware of the issues that matter to our citizens and hope to have the opportunity to join council, work together, and continue to make Belleville a city with quality living.

I believe that city council meetings are not only times to go through items on the agenda, but also an opportunity for residents to ask questions face to face with the council, mayor, city manager, etc. Your voice matters! In a society of social media, I appreciate a good old-fashioned face-to-face conversation. I believe these conversations can be more beneficial than a phone call or email. Come out to a city council meeting on a Monday night at 7:30 pm!

Thank you for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 5!

Kelly Bates for Belleville City Council

VBT holds money four years before refund

To the editor:

I sold our house in Van Buren Township in January 2016. At closing they held out \$91.34 for the water bill.

Here we are in October 2019 and Van Buren Township is just now issuing a refund check! Enclosed is a printout that also included \$8.31 penalty (for what, I have no idea) and a \$25 charge to read the meter. Never miss a chance to rack in more REVENUE!

So, I called and talked to Director Jim Taylor. He said they would look into the matter. It's been two weeks and I have not heard a peep. I called him and left a message and he couldn't return a two-minute phone call? On Friday, Oct. 25, I went in person to talk to Jim. He was in a meeting. I couldn't help but notice the NEW FLOOR COVERING. I didn't remember the floor needing an update.

Van Buren also spent \$1.5 million dollars on a parcel of land.

I think I should receive interest on my money after they held onto it for four years. Refund the penalty and the meter reading charge (\$33.31). I would be good with that!

We pay them to work and they can't ever return a phone call.

Mark Koehler, Ypsilanti Township

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More Letters

I cannot, will not support school bond

To the editor:

I find it appalling that the Van Buren School District has the nerve to ask its taxpayers to allow the district to borrow \$35 million for a new early childhood center, plus all the equipment to furnish it and other schools and then to add playground and athletic fields and whatever they want Santa Claus to provide.

I understand \$5 million would have been sufficient to provide Haggerty School to be modernized. There is a tremendous discrepancy between this district's wants and needs. I believe the old saying, "You have champagne tastes, but a beer pocketbook." This district does not know how to live within its means. For many years maintenance improvements were severely delayed until crisis management has to occur to fix building problems.

Several years back I fought to keep Elwell School to be repurposed for a developer or for Sumpter Township to use. However, at that time Mr. Van Tassel was determined to demolish it so there could be no charter high school built or use the land for such a building.

Also, when the new bond of over \$80 million was asked to be approved by the taxpayers to build the new high school, no one thought of having developers look into making senior citizen apartments like was done to the old Ypsilanti High School on Cross Street in Ypsilanti. It is beautiful! It is a lovely home for senior citizens who do not wish to take care of their private homes any longer.

Lastly, they want playground equipment and athletic fields and yet our high school students have to be bused to Westland for auto mechanics, etc. We used to have a wonderful auto mechanics department and building trades department right here in

Belleville.

It gave our young people opportunities to explore career opportunities for future jobs. Not everyone wants to pursue college. They are hands-on experts, similar to programs in the Novi school district.

We do not have enough mechanics, builders, plumbers, electricians. Just try to get someone to make a necessary repair on your car or house. These jobs can pay very well. Just check your invoice when you have to pay for the repairs.

Our young people deserve more emphasis on these alternative jobs and it may help keep the interest of young people to stay in school and not want to walk the streets and skip school.

I believe this school district has lost its common sense. I cannot and will not support your bonding proposal.

Mary E. Ban

Sumpter Township resident and taxpayer to the Van Buren School District

Give a hug or handshake to a vet on Nov. 11

To the editor:

First of all, I would like to thank all the folks who came to Hilltop Cemetery on Saturday to put flags on veterans' graves. As a vet myself, I believe that those who stand between me and those who would do us harm deserve to be recognized and respected, be they soldiers or public safety officers.

I would like to mention a gentleman who stopped by before we started who dropped off three boxes of donuts for the workers to enjoy. I don't know who he is, and he didn't stay around to give his name. But now-a-days, when respecting the flag has seemed to be a forgotten thing, I would like to thank him for his generosity.

Lastly, on Nov. 11, if you happen upon a vet, give him or her a hug or handshake. They are the folks who paid for your

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Obituaries



Michael Moore

MICHAEL MOORE

(September 8, 1949 – October 14, 2019)
Michael Moore, 70, of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, October 14, 2019, at his home. Michael was born September 8, 1949 in Cedar Rapids, IA, to Gerard and Anita (Reilly) Moore. He graduated from Saint Leo High School in 1967. Michael served as a Machinist Mate in the Navy where he earned the National Defense Service Medal and was honorably discharged in November 1970.

In December 1970, Michael married Judith Nader. They moved to Ypsilanti, MI, where they raised four children, David, Elizabeth, Chet, and Jeremy. Michael worked at General Motors, maintaining industrial robots. After his divorce in 1983, Michael moved to Wisconsin and worked in maintenance at the University of Wisconsin hospital.

Later in life, Michael's passion for photography led him to earn an Associates in Applied Arts at Madison Area Technical College in 2005. Michael loved immersing himself in the peace and tranquility of nature, in particular Northern Michigan and the North shore of Lake Superior. As often as possible, he would take long road trips, stopping to take photos of Michigan's natural treasures.

Michael was preceded in death by his father Gerard, his mother Anita, and his sister Maureen. He is survived by eight siblings, his four children, and two grandchildren, Gabrielle Barden and Bailey Moore.

A service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 10, at Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI 48111.

STEVEN ROBERT HILLMER

(September 23, 1956 – October 25, 2019)
Age 63, of Belleville, passed away at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was the son of Lawrence Edward & Margaret (Butler) Hillmer. Survived by his mother, two sisters, and a brother. Cremation accorded. www.davidcbrownfh.com

LINDA ANN NORMAN

(December 30, 1946 - October 25, 2019)
Age 72, of Romulus. Director of Romulus Senior Center for more than five years. Survived by husband Gerald; five children, nine grandchildren, two sisters. Cremation rites accorded. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Harry Melidosian

HARRY MELIDOSIAN

(December 7, 1932 – October 25, 2019)
Age 85, of Belleville. Died peacefully at the Angela Hospice Home of Livonia, Friday morning, October 25, 2019.

Harry is the beloved husband of the late Rosalie (d. 2003); loving father of Brian (Jennifer Marion) of Garden City, Mark (Susan) Melidosian of Belleville and Lisa Wackerle of Michigan. Mr. Melidosian is also survived by his sister Mary Beemer of Harrison Township; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A longtime Belleville resident, Harry was graduate of Belleville High School (*class of 1951*). Following his graduation, he proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. After he was honorably discharged from the military, Mr. Melidosian worked at Ford Motor Company for thirty-two years. In his spare time he enjoyed working on cars, golfing, bowling (*he rolled two 300 games*) and spending time with his family. He will be truly missed.

Funeral services took place at Noon, Tuesday, October 29, 2019 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. The Melidosian family greeted guests from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment followed privately at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

In lieu of customary tributes, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

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'After the Harvest' book sale is Saturday, Nov 2, at district library

"After the Harvest" book sale will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Belleville Area District Library. Members of the Friends of the Library will have first choice 11 a.m. to noon.

Everything will be priced at 25 cents each: adult, teen and children's hardcover books and paperbacks, audio books and tapes, text books, DVD's CD's, etc.

Holiday books will be available at the same price of 25 cents each. Sale prices will exclude a table of collectible special-priced books.

The library will discontinue used-book donations until the new library opens in 2020.

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More Letters

We do need your prayers in Belleville

To the editor:

While reading the Editorial on page 4 in the Oct. 24 issue of the *Independent*, I was shocked and really disappointed over the INaction of the Belleville City Council Oct. 21 council meeting. I am referring to the meeting where Raynard and Toni Anderson, well-known chaplains and school safety guards, came before the council and offered to pray for the city.

Neither the Mayor nor any council

member accepted the Andersons' offer -- only idle talk and a waiver of interest. What a shame. Very revealing; not even a "thank you" offered by our city officials. These are our elected officials, supposedly representing, in both action and deed, the people (voters) who put them in office. As our Editor said: "We could all use some prayers."

The council's display of UNgratefulness is what I would call "A Missed Opportunity."

Similarly, it reminds me of another "Missed Opportunity" in my own life. A while back, I was driving back home from Ypsilanti when I decided I would stop at McDonald's on Rawsonville Road for lunch. While eating, I watched a man enter through the back door, scantily dressed and

without a coat, on a wintery cold day. He went to the counter and asked for a cup of hot water. Then he went to a table and opened a catsup envelope and began to stir it into the water. As he drank his "meal," I finished my lunch and left the restaurant for home.

Suddenly, a wave of guilt overtook me and all I could think about was that poor man who had only a glass of hot water and catsup for a meal. I prayed and sought forgiveness as I thought to myself, if only I had offered some help for that poor man. I will always remember that day; a day I've labeled "A Missed Opportunity."

To our leaders: Mayors, superintendents, public safety, and school administrators, and all those in authority: Please know there have been a great many prayers said for YOU, naming you personally. For many years, especially on the National Day of Prayer in May, all of you have been faithfully included in our prayers.

To Raynard and Toni Anderson: Thank you for your offer of prayer. It is my prayer that you will continue to pray for our community and that you will decide to settle down in Belleville. Your offer to pray tells me you are the good neighbors we need here in Belleville.

Then too, most assuredly, our divided and polarized nation is in dire need of prayer -- prayers for healing and reconciliation. With prayer we could see miracles happen!

We will welcome you with open arms. We DO need your prayers. God Bless you both.

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 4 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

A parting tribute to my many old friends

To the editor:

Kmart at Rawsonville is closing.

It is sad to see another store close, but I've seen this happen many times before in my lifetime. I'm 96 years old. I've witnessed Hudson's, Woolworth's, Winkelman's, A&P, Ben Franklin, Federal Department Stores, and more disappear, making way for others.

I remember walking to the C.F. Smith store as a young girl with a shopping list. I would wait in line to be waited on by a clerk who got the items off the shelf. When he finished the list, he bagged them up. I paid him and walked home.

Next thing you know, along came the self-serve, larger stores. They were more attractive and handled more goods, so it wasn't necessary to shop around to the smaller stores. It was sad to see these old friends fall by the wayside.

As a young high school girl, I applied at Kresge (the Kmart of that day) for a part-time job at Christmas time. I was thrilled to earn my first paycheck.

Later in life, I worked at Sears in various departments. Sears afforded me income at different times of my life.

How soon will it be before another megastore or online company takes the place of Sears and Walmart and Meijer's?

I say good-bye to these old friends. Thanks for the opportunities you gave me and many others.

Yes, I have visited your "going-out-of-business" sales and purchased some of your bargains, but mostly I'll remember you dearly as stores that gave many of us opportunity to work and earn some income.

Thanks for the memories.

Dorothy Lightfoot
Romulus

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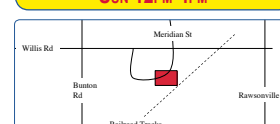
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- **Thursday, Oct. 31** – Trunk or Treat, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church parking lot, 810 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Free cider & donuts. www.bethanybiblechurch.com
- **Friday, Nov. 1; Saturday, Nov. 2; Sunday, Nov. 3** -- 10th-Annual Community Art Show put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, hosted by the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr. On Friday, hours are 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Saturday, Nov. 2** – Coffee with a Van Buren Cop is from 9 to 11 a.m. at Starbucks on Belleville Road. Get to know township police officers over a cup of coffee.
- **Saturday, Nov. 2** – The last used-book sale in the present Belleville Area District Library will be held from noon to 3 p.m. with books of your choice 25 cents each. Special-priced items will also be available. The library is moving so the used books are priced to move, too.
- **Saturday, Nov. 2** – Sumpter Senior Annual Craft Show, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd. Jewelry, crocheted items, quilts, and more. Information: (734) 461-

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- **Saturday, Nov. 2; Sunday, Nov. 3** – The Ann Arbor Club Stamp Show is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. Free admission and parking; sign-in registration required. Twenty-eight dealers from nine states, along with stamp exhibits. Youth area for beginning collectors. www.annarborstampclub.org; email arbor@provide.net or call (734) 761-5859.

- **Sunday, Nov. 3** – Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by Albert Music.

- **Sunday, Nov. 3** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville. A brief ceremony honors those with past and present military service. The playing of “Taps” is always a part of the ceremony.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 5** – Don’t forget to vote today. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **Thursday, Nov. 7** – Veteran’s Day luncheon, “Salute to Our American Heroes,” is at noon at September Days Senior Center, sponsored by the Yankee Air Museum and Regency at Canton. Lunch is \$3 and those attending are asked to RSVP by Nov. 4 to September Days, (734) 699-8918.

- **Thursday, Nov. 7** – “Veterans Remembrance Celebration” will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Monroe County Community College’s La-Z-Boy Center,

1555 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe. The event is free and open to the public and will include special speakers, drill teams, singers, choirs, and bands. Vendors will present from 5-7 p.m.

- **Saturday, Nov. 9** – Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Fisher House Michigan from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Belleville Moose Lodge #934, 45476 Harris Rd., Belleville. Active duty military and veterans eat for free. Adults \$10; kids \$5. Red, white & blue Quilt Auction, 50/50 raffle. Information: Kathie Steigerwald, (313) 570-6115 or Kathie19295@gmail.com

- **Sunday, Nov. 10** – Free Sunday Music from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Today the music is by 18 Strings.

- **Tuesday, Nov. 12** – Red Cross Blood Bank from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. Information: RedCrossBlood.org or 1-800-733-2767.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 13** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734)

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They were married on Oct. 9, 1954 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville and were blessed with four children Suzette, Arthur, Daniel, and Steven and several grandchildren.

Over the years they enjoyed several trips to St. Pete Beach, FL -- about 30 -- and trips to Arizona, California, St. Thomas, Hawaii, Mexico, New England, and Tennessee.

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Belleville Kiwanis members, from left, Jeffrey Lawther, Don Johnson, and Wendy Marecle volunteer by packing food kits for the "Friday Fill-Up!" program at Trinity Episcopal Church.

'Friday Fill-up!' expands again to feed more local students

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To School Board: Why aren't students in five schools getting free food?

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education was asked by James Olsen, in a question from the audience, why students in five of the district's seven schools aren't getting free food.

Olsen, who described himself as a journalist and freelance writer, said that since five of the seven schools qualify for free and reduced lunches, that means they could get free food for all of their students.

He said he talked to the food service director about it and he said she told him since the entire district doesn't qualify it was decided not to participate.

Olsen said she told him to ask School Supt. Pete Kudlak about it, so he addressed Supt. Kudlak.

"Why not participate when so many children are hungry?" Olsen asked.

Supt. Kudlak said this was the first he had heard of this and he would look into it and get back to Olsen.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-and-three-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the resignations of two non-instructive staff members at Edgemont Elementary School: Andrea Fitzsimmons, after 21 years of service, as of Oct. 17, and Krisandra McKay after two years of service, as of Oct. 25. The board also approved the termination of Jane Stalmack after two years of service at the Administration Building when her contract expired on Oct. 10;

- Approved hiring three employees for the Transportation Department as of Oct. 3: bus driver Jammie Smith and bus aides Bentonja Bond and Bertha Freeman; and hiring three as of Oct. 14: bus driver Andrew Szuma, and bus aides Brittany Bonds, and Brenda Thomas;

- Heard a presentation from the American

Heart Association on projects being done in the schools, including taking Healthy Heart pledges. Edgemont Elementary was noted for raising \$1,343 for the American Heart Association;

- Heard a presentation from the Belleville Kiwanis Club naming Alexandra Richardson as its Teacher of the Year. Richardson's name will be on a plaque in the Administration Building and at Tyler Elementary School where she teaches;

- Heard the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation honor students who designed artwork and shot a video to promote the Sunset Celebration and Jingle Bell Run;

- Heard building presentations from Haggerty and Savage schools. Haggerty Principal Becky Ross told of the critical thinking skills being taught to preschoolers. Others on her staff told of the STEM Lego and magnet squares provided by

the Education Foundation that are being used to increase learning skills. The Savage Elementary School Principal Lisa Preuss and her staff told of their literacy instruction, especially in writing stories, which is raising test scores;

- Heard Finance Director Sara Cortese report that she is working on a budget amendment since becoming self-funding for health care has brought much more reporting and help is needed;

- Heard Special Education Director Karen Johnston report that the files on disciplined and suspended students has been reviewed by RESA to make sure the district is fair. Johnston said the district got a letter from the state saying the district is in compliance;

- Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun report that they have a employee health program for step counting. He said they started with 60 people and now they are down to 50. Participants are cut out of the program if they don't take the required amount of steps, he said;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak report that the district has a couple more kids than planned. He said they budgeted for losing 75 kids and the Student Count shows a couple more. He also reported that the BHS Alumni Reunion committee donated \$500 to BHS for something it needs, possibly for the Fallen Tiger area to dress it up. He also reported he went to Lansing with SetSeg and others to attend a program by a former Secret Service agent on security. He said they were told they do all that work so nothing happens;

- Heard BHS student Amon Madyun announce that the football team begins its playoffs this Saturday at noon at a home game. BHS student Maggie Southers reminded the board of the Oct. 30 KLAA dance at Salem High School which is a charity event to collect supplies for the victims of Hurricane Dorian; and

- Heard discussion by board members of the Education Now event some of them attended in Detroit. The program showed how students can handle anger, among other skills. The program is available on Click on Detroit, WDIV. They also discussed the long lines for conferences at McBride and BHS. Every class in the New Tech hall had a line. They also discussed the use of the timers at the conferences.



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Court Watching:

Sentencing set Nov. 13 for Amy Jo Barbee on three misdemeanors

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green adjourned the sentencing of Amy Jo Barbee until 9 a.m. Nov. 13 during proceedings on Oct. 23.

Barbee, 24, of Ypsilanti, was originally charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd, operating with a blood alcohol content of more than .17, driving while license suspended, and driving with open intoxicants in the vehicle on May 27 in Van Buren Township.

On Aug. 14, the probable cause conference was adjourned because the defendant was applying to be part of a Sobriety Court in Washtenaw County.

On Aug. 28, as part of a plea deal, the first charge was dismissed at the request of the Prosecuting Attorney and the second charge of driving with a blood alcohol content of more than .17 was reduced to operating while intoxicated-2nd.

She pled guilty to the three remaining misdemeanor charges. She was scheduled for a pre-sentence interview. On Sept. 16 a motion was made to withdraw the plea and the exam.

On Oct. 23 a preliminary examination on the felony count was set to take place. But, instead, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Danielle Shamus and retained defense attorney Brent Jaffe went into Judge Green's closed-door chambers with the judge for about seven minutes. When they came out, Judge Green said she wished to keep the case in her courtroom and so adjourned the case for three weeks when she would do the misdemeanor sentencing. Barbee again was scheduled for a pre-sentence interview. She is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Scott William-Samuel Settles

A jury trial for Scott William-Samuel Settles, 43, of Belleville, which had been set for Oct. 23, before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Regina D. Thomas, was adjourned at the request of the defense.

Another pre-trial session has been set for 9 a.m., Nov. 15, before Judge Thomas.

Settles is charged with carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, weapons felony firearm, possession of firearms under the influence, and brandishing firearms in public. Settles is charged with using a rifle to threaten the bartender and patrons at Egan's Pub in the City of Belleville just before closing time on Dec. 18, 2018.

On March 20, at his preliminary exam before 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Megan Mathews asked to add a fifth charge of terrorism to Settles' charges and Judge Green agreed to adding the charge.

Settles is free after posting bond of

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Jimmy Martez Reese

Jimmy Martez Reese, 44, waived his preliminary examination on July 17 and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 31 before Judge Gregory D. Bill. Reese was charged with embezzlement by an agent or trustee of more than \$1,000, but less than \$20,000; and larceny of \$1,000 or more,

but less than \$20,000 on June 23 in Van Buren Township.

After his arraignment on the information at circuit court, a disposition conference was set for Aug. 14 before Judge Bill. A calendar conference was held before Judge Shannon Walker on Aug. 15. A final conference was set for Oct. 7 and a jury trial set for Oct. 30 before Judge Walker.

But the jury trial was cancelled when Reese took a plea deal. The two charges were dismissed and Reese pled guilty to a new misdemeanor charge of receiving and concealing stolen property, of \$200 or more but less than \$1,000 in value.

Judge Walker sentenced him to \$878 in fines, 2-years probation starting Oct. 7, and 20 hours of community service.

Jesse Dean Warr

Charges against Jesse Dean Warr, 42, were dismissed on Sept. 11 at the request of the Wayne County assistant prosecutor on the case. Warr had been charged with one count of criminal sexual conduct 3rd degree (force or coercion) and two counts of criminal sexual conduct 4th degree (force or coercion) on Aug. 3 in Van Buren Township. All counts were dismissed by the party. Warr had posted bond of \$20,000/10% which was to be returned to him minus bond costs of \$200. Retained attorney was Randall Lewis.

Jacob Clayton Land

A charge of possession of narcotics or cocaine less than 25 grams on June 22, 2018 in the City of Belleville was dismissed against Jacob Clayton Land, 24, by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge James R. Chylinksi on Oct. 11. A failure to appear warrant was recalled.

Court Watching:**Sentence hinges on value of Rolex watch left on shuttle bus at Metro**

At an Oct. 2 court session, 34th District Court Judge David Judge Parrott was asked by the prosecutor to dismiss a charge of felony larceny, between \$1,000 and \$20,000 in value, and accept a guilty plea of misdemeanor larceny against Michael Edward Jackson, 53, of Redford.

The plea deal was to offer a 12-month deferral and if he was not charged with any other offense in that time, the charge would be dropped and erased from his record.

The sentence also was to include reimbursement, and that was a problem.

Jackson was working as a temporary bus driver on a shuttle at Metro Airport on May 5. He told Judge Parrott he found a Rolex watch on the seat and took it to a pawnshop. He lost his job, but now has a full-time job at Enterprise, he said. As a shuttle driver he was supposed to turn in anything he found. The pawn shop sold the watch.

The victim stood in the courtroom to tell Judge Parrott that her father gave her the money to buy the watch for her 16th birthday and she paid \$15,000. She said she has the gift bag and paperwork from that purchase to prove it.

"I've lost sleep ... I would have given him \$4,000," she told the judge of her thoughts on a reward, adding that her father gave her the money for the watch because he knew she'd been saving up.

"\$1,200? Are you kidding me," she said of the plea deal's proposed restitution.

"I'm disposed to have replacement value," said Judge Parrott. "I'm not concerned about what they sold it for or what he got." He said the victim deserves replacement value.

Judge Parrott said he could sentence Jackson to a 12-month deferral of the charge, but "restitution is going to be significant." He said if he can't pay in the 12 months, it's going to be tricky.

Judge Parrott also sentenced Jackson to four days on the work program, to take the court's crime class, and total fines of \$845. He advised the victim to stop by the probation department immediately to speak to them about proof of the value of the watch. Restitution must be determined within 60 days, Judge Parrott said.

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VBT Plan

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"It will build our community," she said of the planned development.

Commission vice-chairman Donald Boynton made the motion to recommend the amendment of the future land use map to the township board, which was supported by Commissioner Medina Atchinson. Approval was unanimous. The action would amend the present zoning on the future land-use map from medium-



CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, October 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Loria at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Absent

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations None

Council follow up list

City Manager Kollmeyer stated that the Doane's Landing Seawall Project was done with restoration work to be completed next spring.

Citizen Comments None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve the City Council meeting minutes from September 16th, 2019 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 19-068, a request from the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation to hold the annual Jingle Bell 5K Fun Run/Walk on December 7, 2019 from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. starting at Horizon Park on High Street.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Bid Opening for Postage Meter

City Clerk Sherri Scharf opened bids from three companies who gave quotes for 60-month (5-year) lease agreements: NeoPost, UTEC and Pitney Bowes. NeoPost quoted \$153.70 per month; UTEC offered a 63 month lease and gave two quotes: \$168/month for the PostBase A7 ad \$225.00/month for the PostBase Pro; and Pitney Bowes quoted \$376.54/month.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 19-069, referring the postage meter bids to administration for a recommendation to bring before Council at a future meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 19-070, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 totaling \$220,307.58 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf

City Clerk

Approved: October 21, 2019

Published: October 31, 2019

density Single Family-A to Multiple Family Residential.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr noted that the revised map would specify that the 6 to 7 units an acre maximum will always be specified.

In other business at the one-hour-and-10-minute meeting, the commission:

- Heard an apology from consultant Krishnan who said a zoning item on the published legal notice for the public hearing for a request from Ashley Crossroads South was incorrect and the notice needs to be republished correctly. The public hearing will be reset. She said she double-checked it, but missed the error. This is the first time in her 20 years of experience that this has happened, she said, and commissioners told her it proves she is human. Ashley Capital wishes to rezone a narrow parcel -- 805 feet by 250 feet -- which is part of the ITC corridor from RM, Single Family Residential, to M-1, Light Industrial, so it can park 86 more trailers. No construction is proposed. The agenda item to recommend approval of the rezoning was removed from the agenda and tabled to the Nov. 27 meeting. "Next time we see you, we're going to sail through this," Thompson promised;

- Approved two requests by Infinity Homes to add new elevations to the offered layouts at the unfinished subdivisions at Townsend Park, located east of Morton Taylor and north of Ecorse, and at Country Walk, located east of Martinsville and north of Savage. They want to build three-car garages for customers in Country Walk

and add The Townsend, Larch and Larch II layouts. Infinity was directed to contact the homeowners association in the two developments and try to get their approval of the new designs; and

- Approved the preliminary site plan for DTE Energy to build a 35,700 square foot building to function as a back-up facility at the DTE site at 8001 Haggerty Rd., just south of Ecorse, with a list of stipulations. It would be a backup to the Detroit facility and could be up in two hours if the Detroit site went down. It has to follow government regulations. It would have very low usage and only be active when the primary facility goes down. They do plan two to three classes a week for about eight to ten people each time to train them in the use. The facility will have a gated entrance and be tucked away in the trees with very little appearance from Haggerty and I-275. A non-climbable, eight-foot fence with spikes on the top was approved for security, like those approved for the Chase facility and US Data Center. The facility, which will be of precast concrete, has to be constructed to withstand an F-5 tornado and 250 mph winds.

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Applications to receive assistance for the 2019 Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows Christmas Food and Toy Distribution Program will begin 9am Monday, Nov 4th.

Application forms will be available 24/7 at the Van Buren Township Police Department front desk.
(46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Twp)

Printable forms will also be available online on the Van Buren Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Program is open to City of Belleville and Van Buren Township residents only (Sumpter Twp has their own Goodfellows program)

You may:

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OR

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CALL-IN, MAIL-IN OR E-MAILED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Applications for assistance will close Friday, Dec 6th at 3pm.

For more info or questions about the Goodfellows program, contact Pam Fleming at 734-260-4150 weekdays 9am-3pm

Thank-you
Pam Fleming, Coordinator
Belleville / Van Buren Township Goodfellows

Van Buren Twp. Police help MSP with narcotics raids in Taylor, Inkster

One person has been arrested in connection with a pair of Detroit-area task force drug raids, according to a report on WWJ radio.

Michigan State Police say the MSP Metro Narcotics Enforcement Team (MNET) executed search warrants in Taylor and Inkster last Thursday.

Officers discovered pure fentanyl and crack cocaine packaged for sale, police said, as well as pills, two pistols, a fentanyl processing area, and just under \$100,000 in cash. The drugs and the money were seized by police.

Police said the suspect, a convicted felon, was out on bond on previous charges for selling fentanyl. His name was not immediately released as he awaits formal charges in this case.

MNET is a multi-agency task force made of up officers from MSP, Van Buren Township police, Garden City police, Detroit police, Dearborn police, Inkster police, Allen Park police, and Taylor police, as well as federal investigators with the FBI, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the IRS.

MNET is a new organization reorganized and expanded from what was the former Western Wayne Narcotics team, said VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain.

Hundreds volunteer to remodel Jehovah Witness hall in VBT

The Belleville Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses is getting a face-lift.

Hundreds of Witnesses have traveled to the area and have volunteered their skills to renovate this large property on Ecorse Road, west of Haggerty.

Construction began in September and is expected to be completed at the end of December. The building is a center for large religious gatherings of Jehovah's Witnesses throughout the year and offers services in other languages, including American Sign Language.

A notable feature of the renovation is the addition of large screens in the auditorium to display video content that will benefit the deaf community.

"This is a big deal for hundreds of deaf Witnesses and many of our neighbors throughout the Midwest and Atlantic regions who attend our religious services here," said Shelby Oliver, one of the construction volunteers. Shelby and her husband Blake of West Virginia learned American Sign Language to help deaf individuals understand the Bible.

"To work on a project that will have such a powerful impact in the deaf community is something we had to be a part of," Blake said.

The majority of the construction projects of Jehovah's Witnesses are accomplished by non-paid volunteers. Some came to the Van Buren Township site from Texas and California and stayed for weeks or months, until the project is done.

For several years, Blake and Shelby have volunteered their time and skills on many construction projects around the country, but feel that this project was particularly special.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 461 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Oct. 20:
0034 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Holly Ln.
0252 – threat, Tyler Rd.
0402 – assist other dept., Wayne/Ecorse
0430 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1021 – threat, Jeannette Ave.
1248 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1543 – larceny, Jeannette Ave.
1559 – domestic, Prairie Ct.
1651 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1708 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
1859 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2038 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
2208 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
Monday, Oct. 21:
1212 – fraud, Richmond Dr.
1501 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
1513 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River Dr.
1531 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1740 – personal injury accident, Hannan Rd./N. Northline Rd.
1835 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson/Arthur
1835 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1847 – breaking & entering, Edwards Rd.
1927 – suspicious person/vehicle, Monterey Dr. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2158 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2237 – noise complaint, Sugarbush Ln. / S. Ponderosa Trl.
2307 – noise complaint, Sugarbush Ln. / S. Ponderosa Trl.
2335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe Ct.
Tuesday, Oct. 22:
0336 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
0705 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0805 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.
0813 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
0903 – abandoned auto, Belleville Rd.
1002 – suspicious person/vehicle, Berkdale Dr.
1124 – private property impound, Van Born
1503 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1514 – threat, Sawgrass Ct.
1716 – abandoned auto, McBride Ave./Haggerty
1738 – trespassing, E. Schooner Dr.
1739 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Adams
1806 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2122 – domestic, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2320 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lacy Dr.
2353 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
Wednesday, Oct. 23:
0029 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0304 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
0938 – private property/property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
1059 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1134 – fraud, Hull Rd.
1205 – fraud, Churchill Dr.
1302 – private property impound, Hickory Woods condo
1306 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. I-94/Haggerty
1411 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1423 – fraud, Zachary St.
1443 – ordinance violation, Oak Blvd.
1557 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1602 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Cherry Ln.
1652 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
1819 – missing person, Locust Dr.
1944 – abandoned auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1952 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
2120 – mental subject, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.
Thursday, Oct. 24:
0103 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0152 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0435 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0746 – suicidal person, Park Estates Dr.
0850 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
0951 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.

1056 – animal complaint, Gilmore St.
1333 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1339 – suicidal person, Lighthouse Dr.
1428 – suspicious person/vehicle, Price/Hannan
1451 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1451 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd.
1508 – found property/child, Edwards Rd.
1554 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1647 – animal complaint, Union St.
1658 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2122 – suspicious person/vehicle, Walden Woods
2225 – domestic, Sheldon Rd.
Friday, Oct. 25:
0122 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
0406 – domestic, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.
0723 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Mission Pointe
1130 – juvenile complaint, Marlowe Ave./Ecorse
1209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1230 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
1229 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Blvd.
1302 – abandoned auto, Maple Dr.
1402 – family trouble, Daisy Blvd.
1505 – fraud, Chatsworth Dr.
1548 – property damage accident, Frederick Ct.
1621 – threat, Winchester St.
1918 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1931 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1946 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
2039 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2310 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
Saturday, Oct. 26:
0031 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.
0144 – noise complaint, Sheldon Rd.
0217 – threat, Village Green Ln.
0233 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.
0235 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green Ln.
0253 – property damage accident, W. Walden Dr.
0335 – breaking & entering, Bemis Rd.
1019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1046 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1049 – civil matter, Bog Rd.
1158 – suspicious person/vehicle, Milton Dr.
1309 – civil matter, Bog Rd.
1318 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1407 – animal complaint, Hannan/S. I-94 Service
1922 – suspicious person/vehicle, Coolidge St.
2034 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Hull Rd.
2123 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2205 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2217 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
2257 – shooting, Denton Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 177 traffic stops with 28 of those being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 20:
1637 – follow up by officer, Wexford Ave.
1655 – follow up by officer, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2027 – assist fire dept., Madelon St.
2212 – vehicle lock out, W. Columbia Ave.
Monday, Oct. 21:
0024 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia Ave. / Main St.
0139 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1236 – noise complaint, Estrada Dr.
1309 – assist fire dept., South St.
1618 – overdose, Main St.
1726 – vehicle lock out, Main St.
2142 – threat, Main St.
Tuesday, Oct. 22:
0909 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1009 – malicious destruction of property, Hillside Cemetery
1337 – larceny, Main St.
1429 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.
1650 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1817 – assist citizen, Menlo Park Dr.
2112 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
Wednesday, Oct. 23:
0815 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
0832 – civil matter, South St.

0855 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
0946 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa
2026 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.
Thursday, Oct. 24:
0151 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
0906 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
1225 – juvenile complaint, Estrada Dr.
1507 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1747 – private property/property damage accident, South St.
Friday, Oct. 25:
0914 – disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.
1310 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1400 – harassment call, Main St.
1433 – abandoned auto, Edgemont/Huron River Dr. E.
1436 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1548 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.
1625 – follow up by officer, Dewitt
1758 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
Saturday, Oct. 26:
0830 – miscellaneous complaint, Main/Fourth
0859 – traffic offense, Main/High
1207 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1301 – traffic offense, S. Liberty/E. Columbia
1334 – traffic offense, South St.
1335 – welfare check, Carmell
1556 – narcotics crime, McBride
1557 – weapons violation, McBride
2024 – larceny, Main St.
Also on this week’s log are 28 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 20:
0019 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
0050 – civil dispute, Georgia
0546 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
0943 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1409 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1423 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1601 – alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1637 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1638 – harassment complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2007 – malicious destruction of property, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
Monday, Oct. 21:
0106 – fire dept. assist, Texas
1208 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1238 – threats complaint, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1512 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Willis
1713 – suspicious vehicle, Redwood
1719 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
Tuesday, Oct. 22:
0841 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1203 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1419 – well-being check, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1448 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1503 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1559 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty/Willis
1637 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1852 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2022 – animal bite, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
Wednesday, Oct. 23:
0308 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
0357 – 911 hang up, Knollwood Dr.
0509 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
0900 – larceny, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1206 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark
1245 – well-being check, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1514 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1610 – fire dept. assist, 4500 bl. Oakville Waltz
2052 – reckless driver, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
2319 – well-being check, 19000 bl. Martinsville
Thursday, Oct. 24:
0744 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1204 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1252 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1303 – alarm, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1501 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1806 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2157 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
Friday, Oct. 25:
0905 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sumpter
1037 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1053 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Bak

1314 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1411 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1722 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
1809 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1934 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2024 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Sumpter
2127 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2301 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
2303 – property damage accident, 44000 bl. Wear
Saturday, Oct. 26:
0838 – warrant arrest pick up, Willow/Karr
1139 – threats complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1146 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1222 – civil dispute, Harris/Sumpter
1420 – larceny, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1427 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1713 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1801 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1924 – reckless driver, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1948 – alarm, Mulberry
2141 – warrant arrest pick up, 48000 bl. Harris
2330 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
Also on this week’s log are three follow-up investigations, 24 miscellaneous details, 45 patrol checks, and 37 traffic stops.

VBT man arrested after threatening to kill police officers, two judges

After calling the Van Buren Township Dispatch Center with threats to kill police officers and two 34th District Court judges, James Bernard Lang, 55, was arrested without incident at his VBT home on Oct. 21.

VBT Director of Public Safety Gregory Laurain said the township resident, identifying himself as Lang, called the dispatch center with the threats several times around 3 a.m. on Oct. 20.

Lang began threatening police and judges over a recorded line within the dispatch center. He threatened to kill VBT police officers and two judges at the court several times during a series of calls to dispatchers and supervisory personnel on duty at the time.

Director Laurain said Lang has a history of past violence.

Lang was charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office with one count of False Report of Threat of Terrorism (a 20-year felony) and one count of Habitual Offender-Fourth Offense Notice (a five-to-15-year felony).

The case was reassigned from the 34th District Court and Lang was arraigned by 29th District Court Judge Laura Mack of the City of Wayne. His bond was set at \$100,000/10% with GPS tethering if released and mandatory alcohol testing. The next court hearing is scheduled for Nov. 8 at 8:30 a.m. before Judge Mack.

The booking photo shows injuries that Lang acquired well before he was taken into custody when he was struck by a car in the City of Wayne and was transported to Beaumont Wayne for treatment, said VBT Detective Lieutenant Charles Bazzy.



Lang

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Members and visitors at St. George's Lodge on Oct. 24.



From left, Brother Ian Barr who received his 3rd degree that night, Worshipful Master of St. George's Lodge Ryan Gray, Worshipful Master of Myrtle Lodge Tim Lamb, Brother Rob Moore of Myrtle Lodge, Past Master of Myrtle Lodge Jason Picklesimer, and District Deputy Grand Master of Essex District of the Grand Lodge of Canada Roy Gellner.

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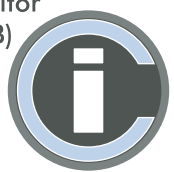
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It's been 103 years since last Canadian, Belleville Masonic visit

Members of St. George's Masonic Lodge, Kingsville, Ontario, had a fraternal visit from brother Masons of Myrtle Lodge, Belleville, Michigan, on Oct. 24.

The Lodges' last fraternal visitation was when Masons from Kingsville travelled to Belleville on June 27, 1916, over a century ago.

Members of Myrtle Lodge first visited Kingsville's Lodge on June 7, 1900.

The minutes book of 1916 records that the members from Kingsville were met at the foot of Woodward Avenue in Detroit

by Brethren with cars and were driven to Belleville with a police escort. This visit predates the Detroit Windsor tunnel and the Ambassador bridge.

The visitors witnessed the raising of a Brother to the third degree of Masonry and afterwards enjoyed the fraternal fellowship of the Lodge.

Bert Cozens, Historian
St. George's Lodge No. 41, A.F. & A.M.
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